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SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF US FIRMS IN MOSCOW

REF: (A) MOSCOW 9734; (B) STATE 245484

1. COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAS CHECKED AGAIN WITH MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) AND STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCST) REGARDING STATUS OF APPLICATIONS FOR ACCREDITATION BY US FIRMS. ACCORDING TO MFT'S PROTOCOL SECTION CHEMICO, KOPPERS, INGERSOLL RAND, ALLIS-CHALMERS AND COOPER INDUSTRIES HAVE FORMAL APPLICATIONS PENDING. MFT HAD NOT MENTIONED COOPER APPLICATION AT OUR LAST INQUIRY (REFTEL A) DESPITE FACT THAT IT WAS FILED LATE IN 1974. MFT ALSO INDICATED THAT FOLLOWING THREE FIRMS HAVE SUBMITTED "INCOMPLETE" APPLICATIONS AND THUS ARE NOT YET CONSIDERED TO HAVE APPLIED FORMALLY: PPG, ARMCO, AND PERKIN ELMER.

2. SCST PROTOCOL SECTION, WHICH IN JULY FAILED TO MENTION APPLICATION FROM SINGER, THIS TIME INCLUDED IT ALONG WITH BURROUGHS AND WESTINGHOUSE.

3. AT REQUEST OF COOPER INDUSTRIES REP, COMMERCIAL OFFICE QUERIED MFT PROTOCOL ON STATUS FIRMS'S APPLICATION AND WAS TOLD THAT NO MORE WESTERN FIRMS WERE

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LIKELY TO RECEIVE ACCREDITATION THIS YEAR DUE TO

UNAVAILABILITY OF OFFICE AND APPARTMENT SPACE. A
FAORABLE RESPONSE "EARLY IN 1976" TO COOPER'S APPLICA-
TION COULD BE EXPECTED, HOWEVER.

4. COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION THAT
MFT RESPONSE DOES IN FACT REFLECT A DECISION TO TRY
TO "DIGEST" THOSE WESTERN FIRMS ALREADY ACCREDITED BUT
NOT YET IN PERMANENT OFFICES OR APARTMENTS BEFORE
GRANTING ACCREDITATION TO NEW FIRMS. SINCE ALMOST ALL
OF THE ACCREDITED AMERICAN FIRMS CURRENTLY WITHOUT A
PERMANENT OFFICE OR APARTMENT EXPECT TO BE EITHER
INSTALLED OR IN PROCESS OF INSTALLATION BY END OF
WINTER, WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE MOVEMENT ON PENDING
APPLICATIONS SOON THEREAFTER, AS HINTED BY MFT. WE
BELIEVE, HOWEVER THAT TACTIC FOLLOWED BY DEPARTMENT
(REF B) IN LINKING APPROVAL OF SOVIET REQUEST THAT WE
ALLOW PURCHASES FOR MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER
TO BE HANDLED BY KAMA PURCHASER COMMISSION WITH SOVIET
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ACCREDITATIONS IS WELL
CALCULATED TO SPEED ACTION ON THIS FRONT.
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